DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE
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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
[] State Law Change
[X] Federal Law or Regulation
Change
[] Court Order or Settlement
Agreement
[] Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
[] Initiated by CDSS

TO:

COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

PERFORMANCE SAMPLE COUNTIES

SUBJECT:

FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM REPORTING

REFERENCE: PUBLIC LAW 104-193

Beginning in July 1997, the California Department of Social Services Review and Evaluation Bureau, through the modified Quality Control Information System, will randomly sample the TANF population to meet the case-specific data collection requirements of P.L. 104-193. County Performance Sample (CPS) staff, who previously conducted Quality Control (QC) reviews for AFDC, will now be responsible for collecting the required data from case files. The federal law imposes substantial penalties for failure to submit required reports. It is imperative that the data collected is accurate and reported timely. As such, it is important that the appropriate resources are dedicated to this effort. CPS staff will perform a critical function and should not be redirected to other efforts. The data will be used for a variety of purposes that go beyond federal reporting, including policy development, program evaluation, participation rates calculation, and characteristic surveys. In addition, CPS staff will continue to complete federally mandated QC reviews on a sample of Food Stamp cases.

With respect to time studying in order to capture allowable QC costs for Administrative Expense Claim reporting, counties should continue to utilize time study Codes 2015, AFDC-FG/U-QUALITY CONTROL, and 2105, NAFS-QUALITY CONTROL, during the September 1997 quarter. Effective with the December 1997 quarter, the Program Code Description for Code 2015 (AFDC-QC) will be modified to reflect the change in activities performed by county QC staff in conjunction with this ACIN. However, Code 2105 (NAFS-QC) will not change as it will be necessary to complete federally mandated QC reviews on Food Stamp cases, as stated above.

Should you require further information, please contact Joyce Miyagi of the Information Services Bureau at (916) 653-4410.

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